

LITTLE DRUMMER BATTLE

Beep gets flak from NYPD union for his tree-lighting nod to police chokehold death

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

Borough President Adams butted heads with a police union rep on Monday over a plan to use the Borough Hall Christmas-tree lighting to commemorate the death of Gowanus native Eric Garner at the hands of officers.

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association president Pat Lynch blasted the Beep after Adams announced he would dim the holiday lights at the ceremony, then beat a drum 11 times to mark the 11 times Garner said "I can't breathe" as one officer choked him, then held him face-down with other officers' help, killing him, as the city medical examiner concluded.

Lynch demanded that Adams hit the drum another 80 times to honor each of the cops killed since 1999, including those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks and from subsequent health problems. The Beep, a former NYPD captain and co-founder of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, settled on seven additional drum hits for each officer who has died this year, saying that what New Yorkers need now is not strife but unity about the importance of life.

"Our city is going through a time of turmoil," Adams said. "And really, conversations on both sides seem to be adding to the tension. And that is not our goal here at Borough Hall."

Hours before the event, Adams invited Lynch to join him at the ceremony, but the union rep was a no-show.

A spokesman for the union said Lynch had other plans, though he declined to say what exactly he was up to.

"It was a late invitation and Mr. Lynch is extraordinarily busy," said ALO'Leary,



The Christmas tree at Borough Hall after Borough President Adams turned on the lights, then dimmed them symbolically.

noting that Lynch has been a persistent voice in the media in recent weeks.

Nearly daily protests have rocked New York since Nov. 25, following a Ferguson, Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict the police officer who shot and killed unarmed teen Michael Brown, gaining new momentum with

a Staten Island grand jury's non-indictment of Officer Daniel Pantaleo who, with help, ended Garner's life.

In that time, Lynch has gone on the attack against politicians who he perceives as being insufficiently supportive of police officers. He has focused particular ire on Mayor DeBlasio, who

Lynch said threw police "under the bus" by questioning the Pantaleo decision and relating how he cautioned his son Dante, who is mixed-race, to be extra-careful when interacting with law enforcement. Last week Lynch went so far as to draw up a form for rank-and-file cops to request DeBlasio and Council



(Above) Borough President Adams, right, looks on as Brooklyn United Marching Band drummer Royal Allah sounds 11 beats to mark Eric Garner's death, and one for each police officer who died this year. (Right) Pat Lynch, head of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, who demanded dead police be honored, too.

forts last week, saying he is being unhelpfully divisive.

"As a 22-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, I understand better than most that PBA President Lynch has a job to protect and defend his membership," he said. "But it should not involve action that may appear to indicate that the City is not united on public safety."

Speaker Melissa-Mark Viverito not attend their funerals, citing the two pols' "consistent refusal to show police officers the support and respect they deserve."

Adams spoke out against those ef-



Diana Ross just hit 70, but she is still working stages.

Motown in Flatbush!

Diana Ross to reopen Kings Theatre Feb. 3

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

The queen of Motown is going to let the good times roll at the Loew's Kings Theatre in Flatbush at its grand reopening.

Diana Ross is set to reach out and touch a few thousand somebodies as the first act to take the stage on Feb. 3. The big show will reopen the picture palace that has been shuttered for nearly 40 years and is in the closing weeks of a nearly \$100-million overhaul. A Brooklyn booster hailed the news.

"It is only fitting that the crown jewel of Flatbush, and one of the finest theaters in America, will have one of the greatest artists ever as its inaugural show," said Chamber of Commerce head Carlo Scissura. "By bringing Broadway back to Brooklyn, the Kings Theatre will be a destination for people across the country — and Diana Ross is the perfect performer to raise the curtain."

Opened in 1929 as a movie the-



The Loew's Kings Theatre on Flatbush Avenue.

ater, the Kings Theatre was one of New York's five sumptuously decorated Loew's Wonder Theatres, and operated for decades alongside several other massive cinemas on Flatbush Avenue. It closed

shop, in the name of money, not love, in 1977, and in subsequent years lost light fixtures to thieves, ornate plaster-work to vandals, and red-velvet drapes to mildew.

In 2012, Ace Theatrical Group inked a deal with the city to restore the cinema to its former glory. The wood-work and marble floors were largely intact and the restorers, convinced that the mountain was high enough, but not too high to surmount, began a \$94-million restoration of their love child, with taxpayers footing half of the bill.

Tickets for "An Evening with Diana Ross" are on sale now.

"An Evening with Diana Ross" at the Loew's Kings Theatre (1027 Flatbush Ave. between Duryea and Regent places in Flatbush, <http://www.kingstheatre.com/shows/an-evening-with-diana-ross>). Feb. 3 at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$100.

Menorah size matters

Bklyn rabbis battle for 'world's-biggest' bragging rights

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

It's a menorah arms race.

As Jews across Brooklyn celebrated Hanukkah, starting on Tuesday, two borough congregations were claiming to have erected the world's largest menorahs, one at Grand Army Plaza, and one at the memorial park of the same name on the distant island of Manhattan. When it comes to the holy candelabra, size does matter, one rabbi said.

"There is an obligation on everyone to do the best they can," said Shmuel Butman, director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization in Crown Heights, which is responsible for the Manhattan menorah. "The larger and grander the style, the more light it gives."

Butman's menorah stands 33.5-foot tall, including the center candle, and is certified in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest menorah.

But Brooklyn's colossal candle-holder stands a whole six inches taller when its center bulb is added, the Chabad of Park Slope claims, and the group is so certain of its assertion that it runs the website www.worldslargestmenorah.com.

Now, given enough money, equipment, and expertise, any rabbi seeking to grab bragging rights could blow these menorahs out of the water, but he would bump up against the holy height limit of 20 cubits, the cubit being an ancient unit of measurement equivalent to the length of someone's forearm, from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. There is obviously some variability built into converting cubits — the international Lubavitch movement's website says that menorahs should stop at 37 feet tall, while the two



The menorah at Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza is the borough's biggest, and the city's tallest, but it has some competition from a wider menorah erected across the East River at another, lesser known Grand Army Plaza.

Brooklyn rabbis in question understand the limit to be 32 feet — but with the height cap, the quest to build the world's largest menorah boils down to how you define

"largest." Both the Brooklyn and Manhattan camps have stuck to the 32-foot limit, while counting the added height of the central candle towards the secular total.

Butman doesn't dispute the Park Slope Chabad's six-inch advantage, but insists the girth of his Manhattan light-stand is greater.

"This is wider and weighs more. There's no comparison," he said.

A rabbi with the Park Slope congregation did not dispute Butman's claim.

"They've got the width and we got the height," said Moshe Hecht.

The Festival of Lights runs for eight days and nights, commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in the 2nd century B.C. Giant menorahs also went up outside Borough Hall and in Manhattan Beach to mark the occasion.

Jews in other parts of the world also claim to have built the world's largest menorah, including a group in Washington, D.C., and one in Tel Aviv. In fact, last year the Tel Aviv menorah stood a whopping 92 feet, according to its creators, though we have so far not been able to find an explanation of who has forearms that long.

The face-off between Kings County rabbis is the latest in a decade of flashpoints in the menorah wars, which have also prominently featured the Congregation B'nai Avraham of Brooklyn Heights. Back in 2005, the Heights congregation and Park Slope's Chabad were claiming "Brooklyn's largest public menorah" and "Brooklyn's official menorah," respectively.

Now the contest has moved onto the world stage and, despite the abundance of boasting on all sides, Hecht insists it is not a rivalry.

"Not only is there no competition, we support each other. We help bring more light to the world together," he said.

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Comparative hit

Lit crowd decries rap against poet prof

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

The Brooklyn literary scene is circling the wagons around one of its own, the Crown Heights poet and professor accused of trying to attack police on the Brooklyn Bridge during an anti-police-brutality protest on Saturday night.

Cops cuffed Baruch College adjunct professor Eric Linsker on Sunday morning, following a melee on the walkway of the iconic span that two lieutenants say began when they saw Linsker try to throw a trash can onto police walking alongside marchers on the roadway below. The pair said they tried to apprehend Linsker, but that several of his comrades fought them off, punching and kicking them, and breaking one lieutenant's nose, managing to wrestle Linsker out of his jacket so that he could flee. The scribe, who studied at Harvard University and the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop, left his backpack behind, with marijuana, two brand-new hammers, a pill-bottle containing marijuana, and two forms of photo identification inside, officers wrote. The report does not mention the bag containing a mask, which police officials touted in early press statements.

Literary movers and shakers who know Linsker say there is no way he set out to attack police officers.

"The charges of fanatic violence are against everything I know about Eric," said Frank Guan, editor of the poetry magazine *Prelude* and contributor to *Dumbo* literary magazine n+1. "It seemed implausible, to be honest."

The official NYPD account also states a protester handed an officer a third hammer and said, "They were throwing these." Above the description of this event on a copy of the police report provided by Linsker's lawyer, someone scrawled "BS."

Linsker is now facing a



Police escort poet and protester Eric Linsker out of a Manhattan station house after his arrest on Dec. 14.

bevy of charges, though the only actions the police report directly ascribes to him are moving the trash can and wriggling free.

Video shot on the bridge appears to show someone struggling with officers as several people in street clothes yank and shove them, at one point sending them tumbling onto the walkway. The struggle continues for nearly two minutes, until a man who resembles Linsker breaks free and he and a group of about 10 take off running.

In the aftermath of Linsker's arrest, New York's tabloids seized on a by turns sexually explicit and melancholy poem in the erotica magazine *Adult* that included the phrase "F--- the police" three times.

Guan said Linsker may write with Marxism on his mind, but that doesn't necessarily make him a revolutionary.

"Eric's poetry is very politically oriented. It's communist. That's what it is meant to be," he said. "I'm very skeptical when people use someone's writing to project onto what someone may or may not have done."

Guan said Linsker had grown increasingly distressed in the wake of the deaths of Eric Garner in Staten Island and Michael Brown in Fergu-

son, Missouri, and the grand jury decisions not to indict the officers in either killing.

Other Brooklyn writers weighed in supporting Linsker, echoing Guan's disbelief and questioning the NYPD's version of events. A judge released the embattled bard on Sunday without bail, despite his facing felony riot and assaulting an officer charges, which a senior editor of *N+1* said lends credence to Linsker's claim of innocence.

"Eric Linsker has been released on his own recognition because he didn't actually assault any police officers," Keith Gessen tweeted.

Another writer, who is Vice Media's resident anarchist analyst, scoffed at the official version of events.

"Welp, I've seen some cop nonsense, but listening to complaint versus Eric Linsker in court ... wow," Natasha Lennard wrote. "Even judge had to laugh. Cops, pigs, liars."

Malcolm Harris, an editor at the culture magazine *The New Inquiry* who famously tricked the world into thinking that the rock band Radiohead was going to perform at Occupy Wall Street, agreed that the arraignment was remarkably low-key.

"Yeah it was cray," he tweeted. "Chillest arraign-

ment ever."

Protesters crossed the Manhattan-bound roadway of the Brooklyn Bridge during a protest against police brutality on Dec. 13. Officers say Eric Linsker tried to throw a trash can at police from the walkway above.

ment ever."

The fight on the bridge was among the most violent moments in the three weeks of protests that have taken place nearly nightly following the Ferguson and Garner decisions, and officials made it clear they would not stand for officers being injured. A high-ranking NYPD official said in a statement that anti-police violence is where his department "draws the line," and Mayor DeBlasio, who has been made statements in cautious support of the protests, called for Linsker's dismissal from Baruch College if he is found guilty.

"I think an attack on a police officer goes against the grain of our civilization and our society, I think it's absolutely unacceptable," he told reporters at an unrelated press conference, according to reports.

Linsker's attorney rejected the notion that Linsker's arrest reflects on the movement as a whole.

"This is an attempt to blame an innocent person for protests where there were a lot of very angry people," Martin Stolar said. "You cannot undermine the validity of a protest by claiming an innocent man has destroyed its validity."

Reports state that more than 25,000 people participated in Saturday's march, the afternoon portion of which was permitted, unlike the nighttime demonstrations that have snarled traffic across Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn since the Ferguson verdict. Thousands continued the Saturday demonstration into the evening and, following the bridge brawl, the march wound its way through Downtown and Crown Heights, eventually making its way to the Louis H. Pink Houses in East New York, where a rookie police officer shot and killed unarmed Red Hook resident Akai Gurley last month.

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Deck the Borough Hall

New holiday market makes the scene Downtown

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

Downtown just got its very own holiday market, giving Brooklyn shoppers one fewer reason to schlep across the East River this season. The new market opened this week in Columbus Park, outside of Borough Hall, and will operate every day till Christmas. Shop owners from across the borough have set up stalls in hopes of catching some extra foot traffic at the most spendy time of the year.

“Christmas is the best season for us,” said Tashi Tsaga, owner of the Fort Greene handicrafts store 21 Tara. “I came here to advertise my business.”

Tsaga sells handmade clothing, jewelry, and trinkets from far-flung places such as India and Nepal at his Myrtle Avenue shop, and said he has specially selected eye-catching items for gift-seekers at the holiday market. So far so good, he said.

“I’ve had a lot of customers looking for more stuff like we have here,” Tsaga said. “I just give them a business card and send them to my store.”

The storied civil rights organization Congress of Racial Equity is running the market and collecting some of the proceeds. The group’s director said new retailers can use



Photo by Elizabeth Graham



(Above) There is no reason to schlep across the East River to do holiday shopping this year, because a new holiday market opened in front of Borough Hall. (Left) Olivia Kozakiewicz is selling Infinity Lights.

holiday markets and street fairs as launchpads for brick-and-mortar businesses.

“Many of our vendors go on to open storefronts using the knowledge and revenue gained from our fairs,” said Brian McLaughlin at a Dec. 11 ceremony marking the market’s opening. “We want to continue that spirit with this market.”

Borough President Adams said the outdoor shops are a great way to get into the swing of buying lots of stuff.

“This our equivalent of the North Pole,” he said. “This is the spirit of Christmas.”

Williamsburg resident Olivia Kozakiewicz, who is working a booth that sells funky, do-it-yourself light fixtures called Infinity lights, is a big fan of the holiday season.

“I just like the positive spirit everyone has,” Kozakiewicz said. “People are so nice to each other around Christmas.”

Greenpoint girl vanishes

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Police are searching for a Greenpoint teen who they say disappeared while walking to school on Monday.

Amanda Alvarado, 15, was last seen at 6 am on Dec. 8, according to the authorities. Her family reported her missing at 11:30 pm that night, a report states.

Alvarado stands 5-foot-5, weighs 120 pounds, and has brown eyes, long blonde hair, and a nose ring on the



NYPD

left side of her nose, officers said. She was wearing a tan jacket, blue jeans, and red Timberland boots when she was last seen. Police believe she might be near the Bay Plaza Shopping Center in the Bronx.

Law enforcement officials ask people with information about Alvarado’s whereabouts to call (800) 577-8477, submit tips at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com, or text-message them to 274637, then enter “TIP577.”

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84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown

Cops arrested a pair of women who they say stole a bunch of clothing from a Fulton Street department store on Dec. 6.

A worker said the suspects came into the store between Gallatin Place and Hoyt Street at 8:30 pm stuffed their bags with merchandise, and strolled towards the exit.

Security stopped the suspects and police arrested them, according to a police report. Between the two of them, the accused had 57 pieces of merchandise in their bags worth \$2,228, officers said.

Sweater getter

A thief stole 10 sweaters from a Montague Street clothing store on Dec. 2, police said.

An employee of the store between Henry and Clinton streets said she saw the suspect enter at 3:49 pm carrying a shopping bag.

She then saw the shoplifter load up the bag with sweaters and run out of the door, cops said.

Mean mugged

A callous crook choked a woman and jacked her cellphone and wallet on Columbia Heights on Dec. 2, the authorities stated.

The 32-year-old victim said she was on her way to her car between Pineapple and Clark streets at 5:37 pm when the villain came up from behind and put her in a chokehold.

She fought back, then the tough grabbed her stuff and took off running down Columbia Heights towards Squibb Park, cops said.

Dance crashers

A group of toughs roughed up and robbed a guy who was waiting for an internet date in the lobby of a York Street building on Dec. 3, according to police.

The 28-year-old victim said he met a girl named Destiny on MeetMe.com, and was waiting for her in the building between Gold and Navy streets at 7:30 pm. Five goons showed instead, punching and kicking him, then taking his stuff, cops said. A member of the ambush team flashed a gun before they all melted into the night, police said.

Dude awakening

Two creeps tried to burglarize a woman’s Dean Street apartment on Dec. 7, but she woke up and scared them away, NYPD officials said.

The 29-year-old victim said she was sleeping in the apartment between Nevins Street and Third Avenue at 4:50 am when a cold draft woke her up.

She opened her eyes and saw the pair of prowlers reaching into the window and trying to open it, according to a police report.

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The would-be burglars saw the woman, climbed back down the fire escape, and van-moosed, the report says.

Fulton beat

Cops cuffed a pair of women for allegedly attacking a clerk in a Fulton Street store on Dec. 1.

The 35-year-old employee said she was working between Pearl and Jay streets at 4:20 pm when the two suspects came in and started talking smack, then threw objects at her, including a sign.

Cops arrived not long thereafter and slapped the bracelets on the accused, officers recounted.

Grab bag

A shoplifter stole a duffel bag full of sneakers and clothing from a Fulton Street clothing store on Dec. 1, cops said.

A worker at the store between Pearl and Smith streets said he saw the scalawag saunter in at 1:39 pm, grab the bag, stuff it with items, and run out of an emergency exit.

The quick crook made off with six pairs of shoes and four pairs of pants, valued at \$1,010, according to a police report.

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

Stickup slip-up

Someone tried to rob a Myrtle Avenue bank on Dec. 12, but took off without getting any cash, cops said.

A teller said the crook came into the bank between Clinton and Waverly avenues at 2:10 pm, and slipped her a note that read, “Give me \$1,000 I have a weapon.”

The teller stepped away from her window, and the bandit ran off, officers stated.

Emergency exit

A gunman held up a teen inside the Lafayette Avenue subway station on Dec. 9, according to police.

The 17-year-old victim said he got off of a Brooklyn-bound C train at 8:35 am, and that the fiend followed. The mugger stopped him as he was heading up the stairs, flashed him a handgun tucked into his waistband, and demanded his cellphone, a report states.

The teen gave over the phone but the mugger followed him out of the exit near Fulton Street and S. Portland Avenue, then down the street, according to officers.

The victim handed over \$180 in cash and both of them re-entered the train station, at which point the suspect took off, law enforcement officials recounted.

Hack attack

Cops cuffed two teens and are looking for two more who they say beat up a cab driver in Fort Greene on Dec. 13 and stole his jacket and cash.

The 57-year-old hack said he was dropping off the quartet at 3:40 am near the corner of Park Avenue and Adelphi Street when they attacked him.

The teens punched the driver in the face, removed his jacket, and took \$150 in cash, according to a police report. Officers arrived and arrested a 16-year-old and 17-year-old for the alleged attack, but two others got away, NYPD officials said.

Special delivery

A pair of toughs roughed up a delivery guy in front of a Monument Walk building on Dec. 13, according to the authorities.

The 33-year-old food runner said he was making a delivery to the building between Park and Myrtle avenues at 7:28 pm, and that he called his customers to have them come outside once he arrived.

A lout approached him and asked how much the food cost, and as the delivery guy showed him a receipt a second scoundrel came up from behind and tried to tackle him, cops said.

The victim fought the guy off as he was trying to steal the food, and both of the culprits fled, police said.

Bad breakup

Police arrested a man who they say knocked out a 61-year-old for interfering in an argument on the corner of Carlton and Lafayette avenues on Dec. 13.

The victim said he was trying to break up a fight between a coworker and her friend at 12:02 am when the friend punched him in the face.

He fell to the ground and the suspect stomped on his chest and face, causing him to lose consciousness, police said.

Officers arrived and arrested the 41-year-old for the crime, finding him a block away at Adelphi Street and Greene Avenue, they reported.

Caught in act

Officers arrested a man on Cumberland Walk who they say tried to steal a car on Dec. 14, after the owner caught him red-handed.

The 34-year-old victim reported that he saw someone rifling around in his car between Park and Myrtle avenues at 9 pm.

He approached and asked the guy what he was doing and the suspect told him it was a friend’s car, the police

report states.

The car owner then hauled the suspect out of the vehicle, but the suspect punched him and cut him on the lip with a razor blade, law enforcement officials said.

Cops arrived and cuffed the 31-year-old minutes later, they said.

Myrtle burgle

A lithe lowlife stole jewelry and a computer from a Myrtle Avenue apartment on Dec. 9 after entering through a fire escape window, cops said.

A 25-year-old resident of the apartment said she left the building between Vanderbilt and Clinton avenues at 9 am and did not return until 7:45 that evening. When she arrived she found three necklaces and a computer missing, officers stated.

Lush worker

Some careful crooks emptied the pockets of a man sleeping on the Q train on Dec. 13, according to police.

The groggy 43-year-old straphanger said he was drinking at a bar in the Midtown section of Manhattan and boarded a Brooklyn-bound Q train at 11:30 pm on Dec. 12.

He fell asleep, and did not wake up until the train was heading back toward Manhattan, then exited at the Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center station, the authorities reported.

He discovered that his wallet, cellphone, and bottle of anxiety pills were all missing from his pockets, cops recounted. The same thing has happened to the victim four times since 2007, officers added.

— **Matthew Perlman**

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint–Northside

Cheap shot

A lowlife stole a guy’s bag when he left it underneath the bar at a Wythe Avenue nightclub on Nov. 15, cops said.

The victim said that he walked into the nightclub between N. 11th and N. 12th streets at 1 am and placed his pouch on a hook underneath the bar. He left, and when he came back 10 minutes later, his bag was gone, according to the authorities.

Took locker

A sneak-thief stole cash and credit cards from a man staying at a Skillman Avenue homeless shelter on Dec. 6, law enforcement officials reported.

The man said that he was staying at the shelter near Kingsland Avenue and put his property in a locker at noon, then went to use the shower. When he returned an hour later, his cash and credit cards were gone, a report says.

Phone ranger

A bike-riding bandit snatched a man’s phone out of his hand on Roebeling Street on Dec. 9, officers stated.

The victim said he was near N. Sixth Street at 8:50 pm when the sinister cyclist rode in front of him, grabbed the device, and pedaled off.

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens–Cobble Hill–Red Hook

Santa’s sleigh

A thief stole a Honda Odyssey packed to the gills with holiday gifts from its Union Street parking spot on Dec. 12, according to a report.

The victim parked his van, worth \$40,000, between Court and Smith streets at 10 pm, and returned at 6 am the next day to find a bandit had absconded with it, cops said. The ride contained \$600 worth of children’s toys, and \$120 worth of groceries, the victim related.

Unsafe blanket

A blanket sale went South when the seller followed his customer home and robbed him in the hallway of a building on Hicks Street on Dec. 12, officer stated.

The victim bought three blankets from the scalawag at a pizza joint, then the fiend followed him several blocks to the elevator of his building between Centre Mall and Bush Street at 6 pm.

On the second floor, police say the ruffian shoved the man against a wall, knocked him to the ground, stuck an object against his head, and said, “You know what this is, give it up.”

The robber rooted around in the victim’s pockets and extracted \$300 in cash, then stepped on the poor guy’s glasses and made his getaway, according to a report. It was not clear whether he allowed the victim to keep the blankets.

Anti-Christmas

A grinch with a heart two sizes too small swiped a couple of packages from the lobby of a building on Court Street on Dec. 15, NYPD officials said.

The victim left his apartment between Luquer and Nelson streets at about 8 am, and when he arrived home at 10 pm, two packages containing a \$40 guitar and a \$10 umbrella, which had been delivered during the day, had disappeared, a report states.

— **Noah Hurowitz**

90TH PRECINCT

Southside–Bushwick

FaceCrime

Cops cuffed a woman who they say slashed a guy in the face with a box-cutter on Graham Avenue on Dec. 11.

The 48-year-old victim said he was near Siegel Street at 5:10 pm when the 23-year-old suspect walked up and sliced him, seriously injuring him. The victim said he knows the accused.

Change comes

A fiend attacked and robbed a guy on Moore Street on Dec. 10 after trying to break a bill, police said.

The victim said that he was in a bodega between Humboldt Street and Graham Avenue at 10 am when the goon approached.

“Do you have change for a five?” the lout supposedly asked.

When the victim refused, the punk punched him in the face, grabbed cash out of his hand, and scrambled, according to a report. A witness gave chase but could not catch the assailant, the report states.

Wood evening

A scrappy thief broke into a Stewart Avenue lumberyard sometime overnight on Dec. 9 and stole nearly \$10,000 in cash, cops said.

The owner of the yard between Grattan Street and Flushing Avenue said that he left the business at 10 pm on Dec. 9, and when he returned at 5 am the next day, he found the doors kicked in, several desk drawers open in the office, and \$9,430 taken.

Tools rush in

Cops cuffed a man who they say broke into a Ten Eyck Street construction site to steal tools on Dec. 10.

Police said they responded to calls of suspicious men in the property between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street at 4:40 am. When officers arrived, they found the 20-year-old suspect stealing power tools, including a drill, a saw, a screw gun, garbage bags, a hammer, a crowbar and a nail gun, and arrested him, but his partner escaped, cops said.

— **Danielle Furfaro**

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IT’S MUSICAL CARS!

Meet the guys who move Car2Go’s fleet around all day

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

Moving your car once a week for street cleaning seems like a breeze compared to this guy’s job.

The car company Daimler launched its car-share service Car2Go in Brooklyn back in October, allowing people to pick up a Smart car on the street, and unlike competitor Zipcar, drop it off in any on-street parking space in a designated area. But the constant motion of the two-seat cars, and the ever-present threat of alternate-side parking rules mean it takes a lot of work to keep the cars evenly distributed and out of the impound lot. We rode along with one of the workers who spends his days shuffling vehicles to avoid the street sweepers. He said the distinctive cars raise eyebrows and prompt a lot of questions.

“The first thing people ask when they see the car is, ‘What is this?’” said Angel Rivera, a Bushwick native who moves 50 or 60 cars each day. “The second thing they ask is ‘How much does it cost?’”

The service charges a one-time fee of \$35, then charges per trip, by the minute, hour, or day, at rates of \$0.41, \$14.99, and \$84.99 respectively. The company currently has a fleet of 400 rides parked alongside curbs from Williamsburg to Coney Island, and uses a crew of 40 to keep them gassed up and off of tow trucks. In the winter the hired hands have the added duty of shoveling the cars out of the snow.

Daimler first tried offering the service in Germany in 2009 and has since expanded to 60 cities worldwide, attracting 1



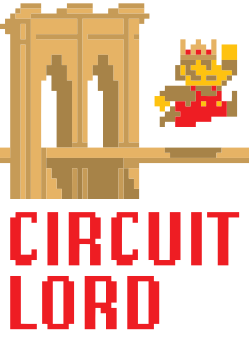
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John Asant, a supervisor with Daimler-owned Car2Go, helped launch the car share service in Brooklyn in October.

million members, according to a spokesman for the company. The Brooklyn system already has 15,000 members, and executives have had to add 150 cars to the fleet since launching, the spokesman said.

“It’s the fastest-growing market in North America,” said Tom McNeil, manager of the Brooklyn arm of the company.

To keep the wheels spinning, each day Rivera is given a list of cars that he needs to deal with, either by moving them to a nearby parking space, gassing them up, or driving them to another neighborhood that is short on cars. Our ride together included a trip to Cobble Hill, where one of the cars was low on fuel.



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Eye on technology and innovation in Brooklyn

We rolled up to the car in need and a neighbor with a dog stopped to show us his Car2Go membership card.

“It’s super hard to find parking,” Olav Christensen said. “That’s why we’ve never owned a car here. This is a really clever solution.”

Daimler makes the Smart car, and Car2Go is a way for the manufacturer to profit from people who need a set of wheels now and then, Asante said.

“We’re helping people that don’t have cars and don’t want cars. This is a way to open a new market of customers,” he said.

Registered members can pull up a map on their phone that shows where the available Car2Go vehicles are parked. A swipe of a card at a sensor on the cars’ windshields opens them up. Members can travel up to

150 miles in one session and keep the car for as many as four days. At the end of a trip, members can park in any space on the street in the coverage area, as long as street-cleaning restrictions do not go into effect for more than 24 hours on a street that is cleaned twice a week, or 12 hours on a street that is cleaned four times a week.

The service is more convenient when dropping off the car in less-congested areas, since on-street parking can be difficult to find in neighborhoods such as Downtown. Rivera said the car’s diminutive size does make things a little easier, but Asante said the company is looking into renting spaces in parking garages to ease the burden.

“We’re working on acquiring spaces all over the borough, but especially Downtown,” Asante said, after spending about 45 minutes circling The Brooklyn Paper’s MetroTech Center office hunting for a spot.

Car2Go found office space in Sunset Park’s Industry City, a location Asante said the company chose because of the influx of new businesses to the area.

“It’s a neighborhood that’s building up and changing,” he said. “Our coming here speaks to us wanting to be a part of that growth.”

Techno Files

John Dewey High School is hosting a robotics competition this weekend as part of the **First Tech Challenge**, run by the nation-wide youth science organization **For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology**. Teams from the school will compete against other area students to make robots that can play a game called **Cascade Effect**, which involves obstacles and moving around plastic balls.

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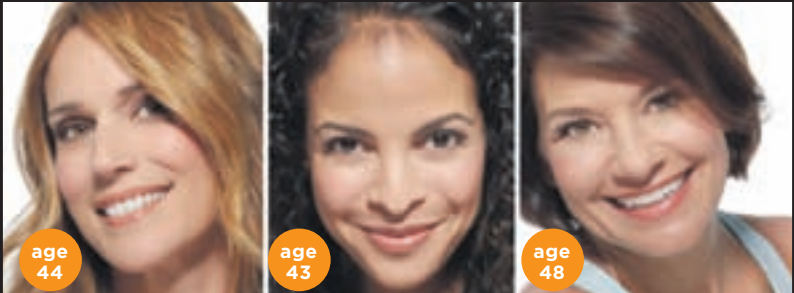
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Pols on LICH: Never again

Bill would make it harder for state to close hospitals

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

A hospital closure like Long Island College Hospital’s should not happen again without the state doing a whole lot of explaining beforehand.

That is the message of a new bill state lawmakers are pushing that would require the state to draft a formal study of the needs of the area around a struggling hospital, explain why the state can’t step in to save the hospital, and take input from residents before signing off on the shuttering.

The legislation is meant to prevent a repeat of the closing of the Cobble Hill medical center, which prompted a yearlong legal battle and dozens of protests and left residents with a planned luxury housing development and a dramatically diminished health facility, according to a pol who will introduce the bill in the state Senate next year.

“At LICH there was no process, no way to insure that healthcare concerns were at the forefront,” said Sen. Daniel Squadron (D–Cobble Hill). “As a result, we ended up with one of the ugliest, most destructive fights I have seen during my time in public service. It was a fight with no winners.”

The legislation, being called the Local Input in Community Healthcare Act, lays out a process for future hospital closures that requires a lot of documentation by state health administrators, but ultimately leaves the power in their hands. It would require the health commissioner to publish a report explaining what the health department can do to mitigate the negative effects, why a state takeover is not viable, and what has been done to save the hospital. Once the report is issued, there would be a process for residents to comment, and for the state to respond.

The bill states further that the commissioner is only supposed to approve the closure application if the medical needs of the community



HOSPITALS IN CRISIS

can be met.

“It gives a clear criteria around which the commissioner of health may only approve a hospital closure,” Squadron said.

The protracted court battle waged between community groups and the state often centered on the medical needs of neighborhoods surrounding Long Island College Hospital. And after the state barred ambulances from the hospital and moved to sell it to a developer that planned to turn it into luxury housing and an urgent-care center, activists tried unsuccessfully to leverage the development-bid process to force a new owner to include a full-service hospital in its plans.

The bill will be the first introduced by Assemblywoman-elect Jo Anne Simon (D–Cobble Hill) when she takes office in January. She said the law will force the state to take neighbors’ concerns seriously before pulling the plug.

“The state commissioner of health has got to engage in a process so that we can determine what the community’s needs are,” she said.

State health officials never looked at the growing population around Long Island College Hospital before they moved to unload the valuable property, Public Advocate Letitia James said.

“They never took into consideration the growth and development of Downtown Brooklyn,” she said of officials at the health department. “That was never taken into consideration. And in the absence of that how could you possibly close a hospital rec-



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

State Sen. Daniel Squadron announced a new bill that he hopes will prevent the closing of more hospitals, or at least make the closures that happen less painful.

ognizing its growth and its expansion and its healthcare needs?”

Cobble Hill Association spokesman Jeff Strabone said

the bill might be the only re-deeming change to come out of the long saga.

“Perhaps one good thing to come out of this will be the

LICH Act,” he said. “Hospital closings should always be first and foremost about healthcare, and not a business deal.”

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Money grows trees

Plans to plant in Greenpoint, redo library gets oil cash

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

It's a green sweep.
The Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund, created to fund projects to spruce up the heavily polluted neighborhood, announced the winners of its biggest set of grants today.
The six winners include an overhaul of the Greenpoint library branch, a plan to plant trees throughout the area, and an anti-litter program. Here is a rundown of the projects that hit the eco-friendly jackpot.
•Environmental education at Greenpoint library: \$5 million to remodel the Greenpoint library branch on Norman Avenue. The proposal calls for improving energy and water efficiency using recyclable and non-toxic materials, and adding an environmental education center on the second floor and an outdoor classroom on the roof.
•Greening Greenpoint: \$2 million for a "re-foresting" of Greenpoint by planting 500 trees throughout the neighborhood and funding maintenance for existing street and park trees. It was not immediately clear where the maintenance money would go or how it relates to the parks department's existing responsibility to maintain street and park trees.
•West Street watershed storm water project: \$1.9 million for a system to capture, store, and treat storm water, in order to reduce flooding and sewage backups.
•Greenpoint eco-schools: \$1.4 million to develop environmental education programs for four Greenpoint schools. The schools are PS 31, PS 34, PS 110, and MS 126.
•Curb your litter: \$569,000 to develop a plan to decrease litter and improve waste management.
•Newtown Creek study: \$130,000 for a study of the Greenpoint shoreline and eroded bulkheads along Newtown Creek, with an eye to improving natural habitats.
The money for the fund was set aside as part of a court settlement from Big Oil for the neighborhood that suffered through an oil spill three times the size of the Exxon Valdez disaster.
The six projects will get \$11 million of the \$19.5 million in the fund, which dispersed money for smaller undertakings earlier this year. A nifty proposal to crowd-source air-quality data by deputizing Greenpointers with air sensors hanging from necklaces did not make the cut in this final round.



Greenpoint's lone library branch will be closed for renovations all summer.



Shovels of gold

Mayor DeBlasio, along with executives from Forest City Ratner Companies and its Chinese government-owned partner Greenland, USA, broke ground on a below-market-rate apartment building in the development project formerly known as Atlantic Yards this week.

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Better Carpet Warehouse on Atlantic Avenue is a cut above the rest, and provides carpeting to the stars

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Getting your home ready for the holidays involves more than putting up a few decorations.
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If not, Better Carpet Warehouse has you covered. The company has been around since August 2000, and as the name "better" implies, it is a cut above the ordinary. This is the business responsible for carpeting the set of "Saturday Night Live," says Wayne McPherson, who owns the store with his partner, Edwin Perez.
The company installed carpet in Jennifer Lopez's house in the Hamptons, too, he says, but McPherson never got to meet the star because it was all handled by her representatives. In addition, the store has been featured on the second season of HGTV's "The High Low Project," and on the sixth season of HGTV's "Design Star."
How does Better Carpet Warehouse get jobs like these?
"We work with decorators, architects, and designers who make recommendations," says McPherson.
But you don't have to be a celebrity to shop here, as pricing is affordable. In fact, there is a 10 to 50 percent-off sale on certain rugs and remnants going on now through the end of December. What a wonderful way to start the new year — your home, covered with clean carpeting or perhaps some beautiful area rugs. Many runners, area rugs, and remnants are in stock, so these can be brought to your home right away, he says. The store delivers and installs throughout the tri-state area.
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Top: Co-owner Wayne McPherson can help customers navigate through the endless choices of carpets. Left: Co-owner Edwin Perez shows samples.

ing, moth-proofing, new fringe, padding, and color restoration are among the many services it provides.
This is a company that does what it promises. McPherson and Perez have a combined 50 years' experience in the business. Both men came from humble beginning. McPherson, originally from Jamaica, moved to New York to attend college. He ended up learning the carpet business, and worked for a huge firm, before going into business for himself.
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Beastly blowout!

A Krampus holiday party

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

SantaCon never made it to Bushwick, but the evil twin of Saint Nick is coming to Gowanus on Dec. 20.

The Morbid Anatomy Museum is once again throwing its annual Krampus Costume Party, celebrating the more sinister side of the holiday season.

"We've got the whole naughty or nice thing, it even has a song, but Krampus really reinforces what happens if you're naughty," said Joanna Ebenstein, the museum's creative director.

According to Alpine European lore, Krampus is a companion of Saint Nicholas who enforces the harsh side of justice while the jolly guy hands out the treats. The mythical creature sports horns, gnarled features, and a penchant for kidnapping naughty children and whipping them with a birch bark switch, so he poses far more of a threat than the odd piece of stocking coal American kids have to fear.

Ebenstein first discovered the anti-Santa when she was living in Hungary. She said Krampus captivated her because he was a perfect illustration of how people on this side of the Atlantic shy away from unpleasantness.

"Krampus really shows how Americans

often just focus on the good aspects of things," she said. "In Eastern Europe, where history has been a lot harsher, there is not such an easy out. If you're a bad kid, you might be beaten with a birch switch."

The museum hosted its first Krampus party six years ago, and the event has grown into a big annual tradition since then. This year's festivities will include a talk from a Krampus expert, disc jockey Vince Clarke (formerly of Depeche Mode) spinning tunes, a Krampus costume contest, raffles, free booze and cake, drag and burlesque performances, and a photo booth designed to look like the basket Krampus uses to kidnap misbehaving kids.

Krampus Costume Party at the Morbid Anatomy Museum [424-A Third Ave. between Sixth and Seventh streets in Gowanus, (347) 799-1017, www.morbidanatomy-museum.org]. Dec. 20 at 8 pm. \$25, \$15 for museum members.

Krampus costume: An attendee of a previous Krampus party.



Jarrod McCabe

Morbid Anatomy Museum

CONCERT

Queer cheer

They're making the Yuletide gay.

It turns out that there is a surprisingly robust queer country music scene in Brooklyn. And for one night only on Dec. 19, all four of those bands will be in the same place for the Big Gay Country Holiday show at Littlefield.

There were only two requirements to take part in the show, said one organizer.

"The main thing is that we all play country music and we are all committed to our queer identities," said Emily Bielagus, who plays guitar and sings in the folk-country band Kings and who co-organized the show with her bandmate Stephanie Bishop.

It may be surprising that there are so many gay country bands in Brooklyn, but it is less of a shock that all of the groups in the borough managed to find each other, Bielagus said.

"When you define yourself as a queer country band, you find out about each other pretty fast," she said.

Bishop said the musicians realize the contradiction of playing queer country — a genre that is usually associated with more conservative values. But that is all the more reason to keep strumming, she said.

"Historically, country has not been a safe space for queer people, and that is part of the reason to do something like this," said Bishop.

The other three acts on the bill are Julia Welton, Small Talk, and Karen and the Sorrows. The groups all wear their politics on their sleeves, Bielagus said, but the appeal of the music is universal.

"We are two queer women and when we front the band and write about women in that way, it's a political move," said Bielagus. "But at the end of the day, they are love songs that anyone can listen to."

Big Gay Country Holiday at Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Third Avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388, www.littlefieldnyc.com]. Dec. 19 at 7 pm. \$8-10.

— Danielle Furfaro



COMEDY

Oy play!

Talk about a schtick.

Sean Altman, a musician and comedian who is responsible for one of the best-loved children's television theme songs of the past 20 years, is coming to the Brooklyn Academy of Music on the fifth night of Hanukkah (also known as Dec. 20) to present an evening of "unkosher comedy songs."

Altman said penning the tunes has been a way to connect with his Jewish heritage without actually practicing Judaism.

"I wanted to write songs about something that interested me without having to go to synagogue," he said.

Altman said he is no expert on Judaism, just your typical cultural Jew. He grew up in a secular Jewish household and was bar mitzvahed, but declared himself an atheist and quickly forgot most of what he learned in Hebrew school.

"I am observant only in that I like to observe other Jews in their religion," he said.

To date, Altman has written about 20 songs based on his marginal knowledge of Judaism. The titles include "Taller Than Jesus," "Christian Baby Blood," and "Blame the Jews." His song "They Tried to Kill Us (We Survived, Let's Eat)" is about one of the most well-known Jewish holidays.

"It is the story of Passover as told on Wikipedia," he said.

In the 1990s, Altman, who is also a member of the comedy variety show What I Like About Jew, wrote the theme song for the show "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" as part of the a cappella group Rockapella.

"Despite all the fine pop songs I have written since then, that is the one that helps me pay the bills," he said.

"Jewmongous: Unkosher Comedy Songs" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Howard Gilman Opera House [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Dec. 20, 9 pm. Free.

— Danielle Furfaro



Sean Altman



Shirley Yu

Welcome to New York: Queens native Nora Lum, also known as Awkwafina, takes aim at clueless New York transplants.

Native songs

This transplant-trashing rapper targets W'burg

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

She is giving New York newcomers a bad rap.

Rap-rabble-rouser Awkwafina will perform at the Knitting Factory on Dec. 20, bringing her eclectic mix of hip-hop and comedy to Williamsburg. And the up-and-coming emcee said it is always a treat to be able to

play her hometown.

"It's a little gift to play in New York, because people here know where I'm coming from," said the artist also known as Nora Lum.

Born and raised in Queens, Lum earned herself a good deal of attention for her 2013 music video "NYC B---\$," which takes transplants to task for co-opting the city of her birth. In the song, Lum drags through the mud

Barclays Center, Bushwick newcomers, vegans, and many other symptoms of a gentrifying city.

Lum said the song is partially about solidarity with her fellow New York natives and partially a criticism of rich kids who want the glam side of New York living but none of the struggle most real New Yorkers have endured. You don't have to be from New York to get it, but you do have to put in time and hard work getting to know the city, she said.

"Whether you're from here or been living here a while, there are certain things you understand," said Lum. "Native New Yorkers all have a shared anger about what has happened to their hometown in the past six years. New York has always been a place that people come to from other places, but it's weird being a townie in someone else's dream land."

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EDITORS' PICKS

FRIDAY

Dec. 19



Christmas rapping

It's Christmas time in ... Prospect Heights, Brooklyn? Hip-hop radio stations WBLS and Hot 97 are throwing a Christmas show at Barclays Center, headlined by Run DMC and LL Cool J, plus DJ Z-Trip, Lecrae, K. Michelle, and Diggy.

7:30 pm at Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com]. \$20-\$225.

SATURDAY

Dec. 20

Clap along

DJ Jonathan Toubin, the man behind Brooklyn Bowl's beloved dance party and contest Soul Clap & Dance Off, is famous for spinning records, and now he can play some of his own. Toubin will release his two-volume album "Souvenirs of the Soul Clap" at a special holiday edition of Soul Clap, featuring local soul legend Charles Bradley at guest selector.

Midnight at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com]. \$8.



SUNDAY

Dec. 21



Dance magic dance

This is sure to be some enchanted evening. "Wizard rock" band Harry and the Potters is bringing its annual Yule Ball party back to the Bell House for another festive season. Also rocking out with their wands out will be the Potter Puppet Pals, Draco and the Malfoys, Tonks and the Aurors, and Whomping Willows.

6:30 pm at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse-ny.com]. \$20.

TUESDAY

Dec. 23

Misery loves company

From Jo Firestone, the Brooklynite who brought us Punderdome 3000 and the Inner-Beauty Pageant, comes yet another bizarre bar comedy night. In your Fantastic Life, "miserable" audience members will share their tales of woe, and a panel of comedians then have 10 minutes to try and improve that person's life in some way.

8 pm at Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.unionhallny.com]. \$6.



WEDESDAY

Dec. 24



Jingle bell stop

Kings County Saloon banned Santa suits during SantaCon, and now it is banning Christmas tunes on Christmas Eve. It will, however, host a Christmas dance-off, and bartenders will be serving up the bar's seasonal cocktail the "ghost-a-rita," made with absinthe, Cointreau, and juice.

8 pm at Kings County Saloon [1 Knickerbocker Ave. between Johnson Avenue and Ingraham Street in Bushwick, (347) 987-3751, www.kingscountysaloon.com]. Free entry.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, DEC. 19

ART, "GREAT GOOD PLACES": John Tebeau's illustrations of hangout bars in New Orleans. **Free.** 10 am-midnight. Fort Defiance [365 Van Brunt St. at Dikeman Street in Red Hook, (347) 453-6672], www.fortdefiancebrooklyn.com.

ART, SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION & SALE: Clover's Fine Art Gallery presents an exhibition and sale of contemporary artwork from over ten artists. **Free.** 11 am-5 pm. Clover's Fine Art Gallery [338 Atlantic Avenue between Smith and Hoyt streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 625-2121], www.cloversfineart.com.

THEATER, "BLOOM. SHE IS DESCENDING": Lindsay Abromaitis-Smith's installation combines video, sound, and live performance to show her battle with ALS. **Free.** 7 pm. Five Myles Gallery [558 St. John's Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Prospect Heights, (718) 783-4438], www.fivemyles.org.

MUSIC, "MUSIC OF TRANSFORMATION": Pianist and composer Vijay Iyer performs the world premiere of a solo piece for piano, his recent suite "Mutations I-X," and his score to the film "Radhe Radhe: Rites of Holi." From \$20. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING BETTER": A collaborative effort between choreographer David Neumann, sound and video artist Tei Blow, and playwright Sibyl Kempson that utilizes technology, weather reports, and Japanese classical theater forms. \$14 (\$10 advance). 7:30 pm. BRIC Arts Media House [647 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 683-5621], www.bricartsmedia.org.

MUSIC, TK WONDER, KISSEY, EVVY, DJ ANTHON BONES: \$10. 8 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, JOHN COHEN, DOWN HILL STRUGGLERS, BLUERIDGE TRIO: \$10. 8:30 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

DETROIT BLOCK CITY: The Pistons motor into Barclays Center to clash with the Nets on Dec. 21.

COMING SOON TO BARCLAYS CENTER

FRI, DEC. 19

MUSIC, CHRISTMAS IN BROOKLYN: featuring Run DMC, LL Cool J, DJ Z-Trip, and Lecrae. \$19.99-\$225. 7:30 pm.

SUN, DEC. 21

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DETROIT PISTONS: \$22-\$3,000. 6 pm.

MON, DEC. 22

SPORTS, BROOKLYN HOOPS HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL: College basketball tournament

620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights (917) 618-6100, www.barclayscenter.com.

TUE, DEC. 23

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. DENVER NUGGETS: \$30-\$3,000. 7:30 pm.

SAT, DEC. 27

SPORTS, HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS: \$25.50-\$193.50. 1 pm.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN NETS VS. INDIANA PACERS: \$50-\$3,000. 8 pm.

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MUSIC, TAMARRAQS WINTER SOL-STICE HAFLA: **Free.** 9 pm. BAM Cafe [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene], www.bam.org/programs/bamcafe-live.

MUSIC, JAMIE MCLEAN BAND: **Free.** 10 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885-4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

SAT, DEC. 20

MUSIC, BROOKLYN YOUTH CHORUS'S HOLIDAY HARMONIES: Performing a repertoire of contemporary, holiday, and choral music. \$10-\$45. 1 pm and 6 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

MUSIC, WIDOWSPEAK, QUILT, WHAT MOON THINGS: \$12. 7 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.

MUSIC, SISTER HELEN, MAXO: \$8-\$10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

THEATER, "THE VULGAR EARLY WORKS": Dance-performance duo Magda & Chelsea perform a recombination and composing of the works the performers have done since meeting in 2012, encompassing feminism, humor, self-love, and sex. \$15. 8 pm. Jack [505 Waverly Ave. between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue in Clinton Hill], www.jackny.org.

MUSIC, THE SLACKERS: \$20. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third

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Crummy's real Bklyn gift guide

I'm in a flap over this Brooklyn gift guide those bird brains at The Brooklyn Paper put together. Slapping "Bklyn" on some goofy tube socks and charging \$100 doesn't make it a Kings County original — it makes you look like an overpriced street fair vendor. So I put together my own real-deal gift guide, packed with more authentic Brooklyn than you can shake a candy cane at.

Get sauced

So I'm snacking on some scraps in an alley in Marine Park. No big deal. Then I hit this vein of ragu alla bolognese — and oh man, the gravy! It took me back to Sunday mornings in the nest — before dad went out for that pack of cigarettes and mom cooped up with Larry. Anyways, my little cousin tells me they sell the stuff at a joint called Michael's. I'm like "Get the f---outtahere, this is homemade." But I winged it over to Avenue R and Nostrand, and sure enough, they got the same stuff — in a jar! It's so bene, I almost molted myself.

Michael's of Brooklyn [2929 Avenue R between Nostrand Avenue and E. 29th Street in Marine Park, www.michaelsofbrooklyn.com, (718) 998-7851].

The book on Brooklyn

Here's another Marine Park original (there's a marsh with some real fine birds, so I spend a lot of time there). This young guy Mark Chiusano put together a bunch of short stories about growing up in one of Brooklyn's most bucolic neighborhoods. Usually the only reading I do is making sure my smokes say "full flavor," but this book ain't just cage-liner!

Get your copy at the BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com].

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New York Shaving Company [7301 20th Ave. at 73rd Street in Bensonhurst, www.nyshavingcompany.com, 718-259-9100].



Kings bounty

Our hyper-local gift guide

By Max Jaeger
The Brooklyn Paper

If there is one thing Brooklynites love, it is Brooklyn. And the holiday season is the perfect time to push your passion for Kings County onto your friends and family, thanks to the borough's many artisanal gift makers, who have hand-crafted a range of hyper-hyper-local goodies. So tick every name off your list with our guide to Brooklyn's best parochial presents.

I saw the sign

It is gone but not forgotten. Get a scale model of the dearly departed Kentile Floors sign for your favorite landmark lover. Bushwick model-maker Boundless Brooklyn sells 1:100-scale mock-ups of the monument to asbestos and American manufacturing so you can enjoy the cathartic rush of erecting — rather than dismantling — a Brooklyn staple.

From Boundless Brooklyn (www.boundlessbrooklyn.com), \$20.

Neck of the woods

Your neighborhood can give you that warm and fuzzy feeling — literally. Clinton Hill clothiers the Brooklyn Block makes scarfs specific to some of the borough's hipper 'hoods. The company founders (they're Pratt grads) created a program that turns film footage from just outside your front door into a pattern that "represents colors, layers and textures of that neighborhood." So you can totally blend in the next time you're in Dumbo or Park Slope by wearing a \$90 scarf.

From the Brooklyn Block (www.thebrooklynblock.com), \$90.

Versed in style

Pining to rep' your favorite Brooklyn poet but



still wary from all those high-school beatings? Hide your inner nerd in full view with a Brooklyn poet baseball jersey from literary organization Brooklyn Poets. These tees feature names of borough wordsmiths — including Walt Whitman and Hart Crane — but otherwise look like your little league duds. When your dilettante friends ask who "Whitman" is, just tell them he played for Brooklyn back when we had a ball team — you'll be sort of correct.

Brooklyn Poets (swag.brooklynpoets.org), \$35.

Totes cool

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An Array of mixed seafood marinated in lemon herb dressing ... \$12.95

Involentino D' Aragosta
Marinated lobster, asparagus, cherry tomato confite, wrapped in cucumber w/ truffle oil over cristine ... \$12.95

Primi Piatti

Cavatelli Con Polpa Di Granchio
Cavatelli pasta w/ fresh crabmeat, & cherry tomatoes in a light pink sauce ... \$18.95

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Paccheri filled w/ spinach, & ricotta in a traditional tomato sauce ... \$17.95

Agnolotti Di Porcini
Homemade ravioli stuffed with Porcini mushrooms in sage cheese truffle sauce ... \$17.95

Secondi Piatti

Midnight Oysters
Blue point oysters, spinach, midnight moon cheese, parmigiano, & mozzarella baked in the brick oven ... \$16.95

Spigola alla Salsa all'Arancia
Breaded striped bass w/ roasted almonds, in a orange sauce ... \$16.95

Astice Oreganato
Half Lobster with bread crumbs and herbs ... \$20.95

Mignonette Di Manzo
Beef Medallion with sautéed mushrooms in a mix peppercorn sauce ... \$19.95

Dessert

Tortino al Rum
Rum sponge cake with pastry cream ... \$8.95


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Fresh Salmon rolled over spinach finished with lobster sauce ... \$24.95

Costata di Manzo
Grilled Bone, Rib Eye with seasonal vegetables ... \$26.95

Petto di Pollo con Pere
French Cut Breast of Chicken with pear & walnuts in gorgonzola sauce ... \$22.95

Stinco D'agnello con salsa di menta
Lamb Shank with mint sauce and artichokes ... \$24.95

Dessert

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Going out on a limb

New Bklyn Museum installation is 60-foot mural of Hindu goddess

By Trupti Rami
for The Brooklyn Paper

This art show is heavily armed. “Eyes of Time,” the latest exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum’s Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art is a 60-foot wall mural featuring Kali, the Hindu goddess of destruction and rebirth, who has six arms, three legs, and three breasts. The artist responsible said she spent years developing the female-focused imagery used in the show, during which time she became especially drawn to Kali — one of the female figures honored in Judy Chicago’s famed installation “The Dinner Party,” which is the centerpiece of the center’s collection. “Kali represents as certain kind of femininity that we don’t often see represented,” said Chitra Ganesh, who was born and raised in Brooklyn and has lived in Ditmas Park for the past 10 years. “The fact



Flags of our mothers: The prayer flags in “Chitra Ganesh: Eyes of Time” are made out of the artist’s mother’s old saris. (Pictured top) Artist Chitra Ganesh with her mural.

that she’s portrayed as angry and confrontational and powerful, not a dainty lady.” Hanging above the mural are over 150 prayer flags, which are intended to invoke an institution or temple, Ganesh said. The flags — each of which has a silkscreen image printed on it — are made from her mother’s old saris, as well as materials she picked

prints exploring feminine images from artists Shoichi Ida, Kiki Smith, and Barbara Jones-Hogu Born, as well as “Tales of Amnesia,” an Indian comic book-inspired zine Ganesh made in 2002. This is Ganesh’s first solo show at the Brooklyn Museum. She said that putting together the show inside the arts institution was a profound experience in and of itself, as she discovered just how many people in the borough her art could reach. “Working there when it was both open and closed you see old people, young people, rich people, poor people, school groups, individuals, artists,” she said. “It’s really very active, happening space.” “Chitra Ganesh: Eyes of Time” at Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. between Washington and Flatbush avenues in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org]. Through July 12. \$12.

9 DAYS...

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Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebell-house.com.
BROOKLYN JEWELGASM HOLIDAY SOIREE POP-UP SHOP: Shopping event to support local business women and raise funds for Women In Touch. The event will include free manicures and makeup tips, a DJ, beverages, and cupcakes. **Free.** 5 pm. The Wyckoff Studios [883 Wyckoff Ave. at Hancock Street in Bushwick, (347) 775–5332], www.thewyckoffstudio.com.

SUN, DEC. 21

MUSIC, PARRANDA POSADA: Fusing the Caribbean tradition of parranda with the Mexican tradition of posada for the Make Music New York festival. **Free.** 1 pm. El Puente [211 S. Fourth St. at Roebling Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387–0404], www.elpuente.us.
MUSIC, BROOKLYN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Holiday concert. \$18. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.
MUSIC, ALEX BATTLES: Followed by an open-mic event hosted by Punksutawney Jesus. Sign up to perform music, poetry, comedy or anything in any style. **Free.** 4 pm. Freddy’s Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768–0131], www.freddysbar.com.

MUSIC, DAVE HARRINGTON & FRIENDS HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR: Including Members of Darkside, Bear in Heaven, Real Estate, The Antlers, and more. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 7 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.
MUSIC, ROLLIN HEADS, NO TIME TIME, THE NEW RESISTANTS: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.



Piano man: Pianist and composer Vijay Iyer presents three works at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in “Music of Transformation.”

MON, DEC. 22

TALK, THE MOTH STORYSLAM: Storytelling competition, with the theme “streets.” \$8 (\$5 for BHS members). 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222–4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.
COMEDY, SACK MAGIC: Weekly comedy show hosted by Grant Gordon and Louis Katz. **Free.** 9 pm. Legion [790 Metropolitan Ave. at Humboldt Street in Williamsburg], www.legion-bar.com.

TUES, DEC. 23

COMEDY, “THE FANCY SHOW”: Producers Michael Joyce, Langston Kerman, Lane Pieschel, Simmons McDavid, and Jenny Zigrino share the stage with local talent. **Free.** 8 pm. Bar Reis [375 Fifth Ave. between Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 974–2412].
MUSIC, SPLINTERED SUNLIGHT: A Tribute to the Greatful Dead: \$8. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, CRICKET JOE, GUTS CLUB, ZANDER: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.

MOVIE TRIVIA: Six rounds, including famous movie quotes, not so famous movie quotes, and Nicolas Cage quotes. **Free.** 8:30 pm. Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg], www.videology.info.

WED, DEC. 24

ART, KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP: Learn how to crochet and knit with instructors or simply spend time with fellow makers. **Free.** 1–3 pm. Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain [513 Henry St. at Sackett Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 522–6260], www.brooklynpharmacyandsodafountain.com.
MUSIC, CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Featuring new arrangements of traditional spirituals and carols. **Free.** 5 pm. First Unitarian Congregational Society [119 Pierreport St. between Monroe Place and Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624–5466], www.fuub.org.

THURS, DEC. 25

ART WEEK: Kids create their own stained glass window panel. \$13 (\$10 seniors). 10am–5 pm. Jewish Children Museum [792 Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 907–8833], www.jcm.museum.

FRI, DEC. 26

MUSIC, DEER TICK: Covering NRBO’s album “Tiddlywinks.” \$20. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.
MUSIC, DUCKTAILS, JULIAN LYNCH, FAMILY PORTRAIT: \$12. 7 pm. Glasslands [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg], www.glasslands.com.
MUSIC, NO SHOES, THE PLUTO MOONS: \$7. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.
MUSIC, ORVILLE DAVIS & THE WILD BUNCH: **Free.** 8 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885–4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.

SAT, DEC. 27

MUSIC, NASHVILLE ATTITUDE: **Free.** 8 pm. Hill Country Barbecue [345 Adams St. at Willoughby Street, (718) 885–4608], www.hillcountrybk.com.
MUSIC, PJS ‘N DJS: Dance in your pajamas while DJs spin year-end tunes. **Free.** 10 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.
CELEBRATE KWANZAA: Dancer and educator Iris Wilson teaches families about the history and seven principles of the holiday through song, dance, and a candle-lighting ceremony. Refreshments served. \$10 per family. 11:30 am–1 pm. Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance [558 Fulton St. - 2nd Floor in Boerum Hill, (718) 935–9700], www.cumbedance.com.

RAP...

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charming fairy-tale is not the real scope of the city.” The song turned her into something of a mouthpiece for native New Yorkers, and Lum said she is now asked for a reaction every time a new song drops that paints a wildly naive

portrait of the city (think Taylor Swift’s “Welcome to New York” or Catey Shaw’s “Brooklyn Girls”). But with one anti-transplant manifesto out there already, Lum said she is reluctant to take on all of New York’s grudges in her repertoire. “I don’t want to take on all the anger of New York because there are just so many levels of it,” said Lum, who

also stars on the MTV show “Girl Code.” “But our story is just so different than Taylor Swift. I have to watch guys masturbating on the subway while she takes limos to the gym.” Lum lives in Greenpoint now, and said she rarely meets other native New Yorkers beyond the friends she still has from high school. But she said transplants who do

have friends who grew up in the city should count themselves lucky. “Knowing a townie is like having a fixer,” she said. *Akwafina plays the Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. between Havemeyer and N. Fourth streets, (347) 529–6696, bk.knittingfactory.com]. Dec. 20 at 8 pm. \$12 (\$10 in advance).*



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Imminent domain

Lawmaker takes another swing at saving senior center via government seizure

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

A Williamsburg pol is going back to the drawing board after the bill he wrote to save an embattled senior center left officials scared it would allow the government to seize properties willy-nilly. The latest legislation comes nearly a year after the last attempt by Assemblyman Joseph Lentol (D–Williamsburg) to pass a law to allow the city to use eminent domain to take over the three-story Ainslie Street building that houses the Swinging Sixties Senior Center, to keep its owners from evicting it. The first bill passed the Assembly but stalled in the Senate, and the new version is being written so that it can only ever be used to target that particular building on the corner of Manhattan Avenue, Lentol said. “We need to clarify this so



Assemblyman Joe Lentol

that it is not an overreach and it is used for a reasonable purpose,” he said. “If there was ever a reason to take property, this is it.” The 40-year-old Swinging Sixties center, which offers activities for hundreds of seniors and hosts Community Board 1 meetings, has, along with the Small World Daycare and Learning Center, been em-

broiled in a protracted fight for its life since 2012, when both operations temporarily lost city funding. The funding returned when the centers’ users put up a stink, but in November, 2013 father-and-son team Victor and Harry Einhorn bought the building for \$4.5 million, \$1.5 million less than the amount offered by housing-advocacy group Saint Nick’s Alliance, which has been trying to save the hub. The Einhorns quickly moved to raise the rent and, the following month, sent their new tenants eviction notices. Advocates for the center have managed to keep the eviction tied up in court for the last year, and last week a judge granted a temporary reprieve. But that court order is only supposed to last a few months. The lawyers are now trying to extend the order to allow time for the latest bill to pass, Lentol said. The earlier



Fran Donofrio and Margaret Dalta held signs showing their support for the Swinging Sixties Center, where they spend many of their days.

version of the legislation only applied to facilities built with public funds that have been used for public programs for more than 25 years, but the new one is going to be even more specific, including the length of the lease and the specific programs in the building, he said. “We want to make this bill as narrow in its scope as possible,” Lentol said. The law should be ready to introduce in January, he said. More than 50 seniors, par-

ents of small children, and concerned neighbors rallied on Monday morning on the steps of City Hall, calling for pols to join the campaign to save the center. “We are very hopeful that, with the unwavering support of our elected officials, we’ll succeed and get the administration’s support to purchase the building and get it back in the hands of the community,” said Phil Caponegro, president of Williamsburg’s Conselyea Street Block Association. Seniors on hand said they

were hopeful that all the effort could pay off. “We think we can win this fight,” said Frankie Geiger, 65, whose mother and father also frequented the center in the 1980s and 1990s. “I really hope they can do something. This is like a second home to me.” A founder of the center believes the Einhorns plan to tear down the building and construct luxury housing on the spot. Current zoning allows for a six or seven-story residential building there.

Seeking the perfect holiday season

‘T is the season to be angry. The list of people to buy presents is long, kids are filled with sugarplum fairy fantasies of what the holiday should mean for them, and expectations for perfect relationships — beautiful laughing families around a phenomenal 10-foot tall tree — run high. Every year I say I’m going to set up that Peanuts-style Lucy booth on the corner of Seventh Avenue and Ninth Street to offer injections of something relaxing for perfectionist Park Slopers (like me) who drive themselves mad making the holidays fit the image fed to them by Bon Appétit or the New York

Times Styles section. This year, like others, I am intent on enjoying the journey and not getting mired in doing so much that I make Hanukkah and Christmas days of dread instead of the celebrations they are supposed to be. I sigh inwardly even as I write it. Is it possible, do you think, to put all outer-limit expectations aside, and just have fun? When the world is rushing around buying up stuff to wrap and put under a tree grown and cut solely for the purpose of shading presents, is it possible to steer clear of the hype? Can’t I just remember that this wasn’t supposed to be a supermarket-sweep style set of days, but rather a period meant to savor family



Fearless Parenting
By Stephanie Thompson

and friends, to be grateful for the year behind and set some goals for the year ahead? All I can do is try. First things first is to clear the vision of perfection. I can remember a number of years standing with my boys in front of lit menorahs when an overwhelming surge of panic coursed through me that we were somehow doing it wrong. Maybe we should have

anger, which gets translated in communication into yelling. So, there I am, yummy latkes on the stove, delicious chicken in the oven, cookies in the shape of Stars of David and dreidels drenched in sugar on the counter, standing with my adorable children, and I’ve turned into some kind of bitter shrew. Not this year. Nope. No. I’m putting my foot down. I’m not doing so much that I’m bitter. I’m going to get a few things, give them with love, and breathe deeply. I’m going to throw a party and really enjoy the food and the people. I’m going to hug my children to me in front of the menorahs (and, a few days later, in front of my in-laws’

Christmas tree) and remember that they are growing up way too fast and that I will soon look back on these days with longing. Whatever it takes — writing, meditating, playing the piano, hitting the boxing bag at the Y with force — I need to relax this season and offer my kids the holiday version of their mother that I want to be: a calm, smiling, hopeful person, happy to be in their company, happy to give and receive small tokens of appreciation, happy to have all that I have (not the least of which is them), their soft still-innocent faces stretching upward (only slightly now, but still) for a kiss from their mom. Little else really matters.

Loss for Lucey’s

Gowanus bar stunned by fire death of former owner

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

A Gowanus bar is mourning the death of one of its founders. Evelyn Dahab, 33, died in a fire at her Manhattan apartment early last Wednesday morning, three weeks shy of when she planned to move out to end a dispute with her landlord, according to a long Facebook post she wrote detailing the conflict. A former business partner at Lucey’s Lounge, the cocktail bar on Third Avenue be-



Evelyn Dahab

tween 10th and 11th streets, remembered Dahab as someone who grabbed the bull by the horns.



Lucey’s Lounge on Third Avenue in Gowanus.

“She wasn’t a spectator,” said Darren Lucey, a co-owner of the bar and its namesake. “She was a crazy girl with a big heart, and she was out there living life.” Police and firefighters responded at 3:15 am on

Wednesday to a 911 call reporting a fire in the basement of a five-story building in the East Village section of Manhattan, and firefighters brought the blaze under control about 30 minutes later, FDNY officials said. Responders found Dahab unresponsive in her basement apartment and declared her dead, according to a police spokesman. The cause of the fire was still under investigation on Thursday. Dahab had been going through a “painful legal dispute” with her landlord over an \$18,000 rental deposit according to an October Facebook post, in which she promised friends a moving-out party and a “free-for-all” on the belongings she said she would be unable to move. Dahab grew up on Long Island and graduated from Columbia University’s Barnard College in 2002 with a political science degree, according to an author bio. Dahab blogged about wine and food under the moniker “Oe-

nogal” and published a memoir called “Incapacitated” about a dark, 15-month relationship with a wealthy bachelor, which a promotional summary describes as a “Dantean descent into sexual hell.” She also played a bit part in the soap opera “Guiding Light.” Lucey said he had last seen his longtime friend about two weeks ago, and she had planned to come to the bar for a viewing party to mark its appearance on the reality television show “Barmageddon.” But on Wednesday afternoon, he got the bad news. “Yesterday was supposed to be a party, but she didn’t get to make it,” he said. “I’m running the gamut of emotions. I’m angry, I’m sad, I’m a lot of things.”

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Jeffrey Vanchiro hypes up the crowd at Barclays Center.

Exit of court jester

Nets super-fan dies before his time

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

One of the Nets’ most recognizable fans is gone.

Jeffrey Vanchiro, known for his expertly coordinated, neon-accented outfits and energetic antics in the aisles of Barclays Center, died on Sunday after falling from a window at his father’s Queens home, reports said. The incident came two weeks after security guards at Madison Square Garden removed Vanchiro from a game between the Nets and the Knicks for supposedly disturbing members of the crowd, then removing his prosthetic leg and refusing to leave. A video shows security guards at the arena carrying Vanchiro away from his seat, leg off, and at one point dropping him head-first.

In an interview recorded at Barclays last Friday night, Vanchiro called his ejection from the Garden a traumatic experience that he was struggling to move past.

“When you try to stay the same after a life-changing event then you’re lying to yourself,” he said to OurBkSocial.com on Dec. 12. “I had the worst week of my life.”

Vanchiro, who also goes

by the name Jeffrey Gambler, grew up in Queens and Brooklyn and lived in Williamsburg. He was a graffiti artist as a young man, then, after spending time in prison for vandalism, became a professional poker player for eight years, according to an interview he did with the Youtube show ChiinoTV. In recent years he worked as an artist with the group Lofty Goals. In the ChiinoTV interview Vanchiro says he poured his poker earnings into 15 seats worth of tickets for the Nets’ inaugural season, with plans to resell them. The move came around the time he was leaving the poker world because he had grown tired of taking other people’s money, he said.

Vanchiro’s energetic dance moves and eye-catching attire at court-side quickly garnered him a reputation as a Nets super-fan. In the Youtube clip, he describes attending home games as being like going to church.

“When you go to church that’s what you want, right? You want community, you want people together, we’re all in one direction, we’re all on the same tip, we’re all there for the same reason,” Vanchiro said. “And that’s what the Barclays Center is

about with the Nets games. It’s like church, man. We’re all there, like, ‘Let’s go Brooklyn!’”

His enthusiasm also garnered the team’s attention, landing him an appearance on the cover of a program and a trip to London with the players. A team executive expressed his condolences in a statement.

“On behalf of ownership and the entire organization, I am terribly saddened to learn about Jeffrey’s death. A proud Brooklynite, Jeffrey was a passionate Nets fan and one of our most visible and loyal supporters,” said Brett Yormark, chief executive officer of the Nets and Barclays Center.

Messages of support also poured in over social media, where his fiancée Kristi Evans first posted news of his death.

Evans told the New York Times that after his ejection from Madison Square Garden Vanchiro was “a completely different person,” and that he was paranoid and couldn’t sleep.

Tuesday’s Nets game featured a video tribute to Vanchiro, and players warmed up in his custom 44 “Gambler” jersey, while many in the crowd wore neon.

Dumbo–Red Hook express

A new, year-round ferry sets sail from Fairway

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

There is nothing like a boat ride in the winter.

Red Hookers with a taste for a cold sea breeze now have a new way of getting between Manhattan, Dumbo, and their home neighborhood, thanks to a service expansion that will bring New York Water Taxi to the Fairway Market dock year-round. Local pols and business owners hailed the new transit option as emblematic of the growing investment in Red Hook at a press conference at Hometown Bar-B-Que on Tuesday.

“What’s happening in Red Hook is a fairy tale, and the ferry service is a continuation of that,” said Borough President Adams, invoking the neighborhood’s resilience after Hurricane Sandy. “Although the storm may have flooded the area, it did not drown the spirit of the people.”

New York Water Taxi runs a year-round ferry between Manhattan and Ikea and will

now add the Fairway dock to its route. It had run from Fairway during the weekend for the last two summers, and the droves of passengers led the company and its friends in city government to come around to the idea of year-round weekday service.

“The summer months saw tremendous demand,” said Brian McCabe, chief operating officer of the ferry company. “It was far above our level of expectation.”

Only one boat will make each round trip, so the ferry will swing by Fairway every 90 minutes between 10 am and 10 pm. But McCabe said that when temperatures warm in the spring and demand increases, the trips could increase so that a boat leaves every 30 minutes.

With tickets running a cool \$9 one way and boats starting after most people’s jobs, the ferry from Red Hook is not yet a viable commuter option, but the elected leaders backing the service expansion said more frequent, cheaper



Borough President Adams welcomes weekday water taxi service to Red Hook at a press conference at Hometown Bar-B-Que.

service could be a reality in the future.

“This is just the beginning,” said Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D–Red Hook).

Ikea started subsidizing

ferry service to its dock since 2008, but it soon grew tired of non-shoppers mooching free rides, and the following year started requiring receipts showing purchases of \$10 or more to be reim-

bursed for the price of a boat trip. The new service is totally privately funded, but Menchaca said he and other pols are looking into sources of public funding to bring prices down.

Salaam-ukkah

Arab and Jewish protesters rally against NYPD violence

By Noah Hurowitz
The Brooklyn Paper

For Hanukkah this year, they are asking for justice.

The Arab American Center and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice activist groups gathered outside Barclays Center on Tuesday, the first night of the Festival of Lights, to protest the grand jury decisions not to indict white police officers in the deaths of black men in Staten Island and Ferguson, Missouri. The jointly organized vigil was meant to show unity among New York

Jews and Arabs, and solidarity with all people they see as over-policed and under-protected by the law.

“We wanted to make sure that New York City knows that the Arab American Association stands with Jews for Racial and Economic Justice,” said Cris Hilo, a youth organizer with the Bay Ridge Arab-rights group. “We wanted to raise awareness about police accountability and injustices in communities of color.”

Demonstrators walked in the light rain carrying card-



A protester holds a sign bearing the name of Kyam Livingston, who died in a Brooklyn jail last year.

board flames bearing the names of people who police killed, including in an armed confrontation, and who died in police custody.

Rabbi Ellen Lippmann of the group Kolot Chayeinu–Voices of Our Lives led the lighting of a menorah to mark the Jewish holiday, according to organizers.

“I am glad to join on this special night with our Arab and Muslim colleagues, as we work together in this important and growing movement,” Lippmann said in a statement. “Black lives matter, and must matter, so that we can move from mourning unjust deaths to celebrating just lives.”

The protesters then marched to the 78th Precinct station house and read a list of the names of the dead, according to organizers.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUM-MONS Index No. 1463/2012 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF KINGS EVERBANK, Plaintiff, -vs- MING FAI CHAN A/K/A JEFF CHAN; DENIS SHUK FONG LEUNG, if living and if he be dead, and all persons who wives, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees, and successors in interest all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; CITIBANK, N.A.; CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT; NANCY T. SUNSHINE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS; BROOKLYN UNION GAS/KEYSPAN ENERGY DEL.; ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE, INC.; CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants. Mortgaged Premises: 1660 81ST STREET, BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11214 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by person-

al delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that there is a deficiency in the sale proceeds, a deficiency judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. That this action is being amended to include the possible heirs of Denis Shuk Fong Leung, as said individual cannot be located. That this action is also being amended to include New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and United States of America as necessary parties. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: July 30, 2014 Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 BLOCK: 6295 LOT: 81 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION ... The object of the above action is to fore-close a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of KINGS, State of New York on January 31, 2007, in CRFN 2007000059112, said mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 2, 2009, and recorded on January 7, 2010, in CRFN 2010000005370. TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Ellen M. Spodek a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated August 21, 2014 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage. The premises is described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly side of 81st Street, distant 287 feet northwesterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southwesterly side of 81st Street with the northwesterly side of 17th Avenue; Running thence southwesterly parallel with 17th Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet; Thence northwesterly parallel with 81st Street, 17 feet; Thence northeasterly parallel with 17th Avenue, and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet to the southwesterly side of 81st Street; Thence southeasterly along the southwesterly side of 81st Street, 17 feet to the point or place of beginning. Premises known as 1660 81st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214.

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